

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City – Detention of Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 456

**Dated: 20-05-2025
Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Home Department through e-office file bearing no. HOM01/10/2025-LEGAL-I, along with letter of the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, Lr.No.6763/MC-III/PIT-NDPS Act/ 2024, dt.06.12.2024.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City has reported that adverting to the above subject, the Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta PS, Visakhapatnam City has placed before the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detainee) for issuing of detention orders U/sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988). The residence of the detainee falls within the limits of Maharanipeta PS of Visakhapatnam City and the following are the details in the report.

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit cannabis trafficking and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of neighbouring Districts to the Visakhapatnam city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in the territorial jurisdiction of Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City and its neighbouring districts. Further, it is to be noted that the detainee is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detainee pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport, and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detainee and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students and in the intoxication of drug, the detainee and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec. 2 (e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988, and his actions are prejudicial to the public health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in Visakhapatnam City. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988), to detain the said individual (detainee) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S.No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Ganja Seized(in Kg's)	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.214/2022 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(C) of NDPS Act of Maharanipeta PS., Visakhapatnam City	2 KGs	PT
2.	Cr.No.61/2024 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(C) of NDPS Act of Maharanipeta PS., Visakhapatnam City	04 Kg	UI

5. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

1. Cr.No.214/2022 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(C) of NDPS Act of Maharanipeta PS., Visakhapatnam City.

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs (Ganja) that occurred on 25-09-2022 at 17:00hrs at Vacant place at Beside Sea pearl, R.K. Beach, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City and reported on same day at 19:30hrs wherein the receipt of on credible information about ganja, The Sub-Inspector of police-3884, D. Srinivasarao of Maharanipeta PS along with his staff PC 3924, 1245 HG 444 of Maharanipeta PS conducted raid and arrested the accused A1. Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 27 years, SC (mala) by caste, R/o D.No.15-8-32/1, Venkateswaranagar, Maharanipeta, Zilla Parishad, Visakhapatnam City, A2. Pathivada Ashok Kumar, S/o Ravi Kumar, Age 19 Yrs, R/o. D.No.15-1-45/A, Ootagadda, MR PETA, VSP City. While they were found possession of

ganja which was purchased from unknown person at Railway Station surroundings for selling on high rates for wrongful gain. Then the accused were taken into custody and contraband ganja weighed 2 KGs was seized under the cover of mediators report. Case is PT vide NSC No.479/2023.

2. Cr.No.61/2024 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(C) of NDPS Act of Maharanipeta PS., Visakhapatnam City.

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs (Ganja) that occurred on 15-04-2024 at 04:30 hrs at Infront of Rajugari dilapidated House, Venkateswara Nagar, Opp. Sea Pearl, Beach road, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam and reported on same day at 07.20 Hrs wherein the complainant P.Appala Naidu, SI 3882, Maharanipeta PS stated that on receipt of credible information about illegal transportation and possession of ganja, she along with her staff WHC 2741, PCs 1672, 422, 3480 of Maharanipeta PS and secured the to mediators, rushed to Venkateswara Nagar and arrested the accused A1: Golagani Guru Murthy S/o Gurunaidu(L), Age -36 yrs, Caste by Yadavas, R/o D.no 15-8-55, Venkateswara Nagar, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, cell- 9949834133, A2: Boga Arjun @ slum Dog, S/o Ramu, Age -26 yrs, caste by Yadavas, R/o D.no 15-8-7, Venkateswara nagar, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam city, 7671930339, A3: Medisetti vara Prasad, S/o Simhachalam, age -27 yrs, Caste- Sc-Mala, R/o D.no 15-8-23/1, Venkateswara Nagar, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam city, cell - 6303838327 while they were found illegal possession of ganja. Then the accused were taken into custody and seized contraband ganja weighed about 4KGs and worth Rs. 20,000/- under the cover of mediator's report. In this case, Magistrate Inventory done on 26.10.2024 and case is being charged.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health. Thus, he is acting as prejudicial to the maintenance of the public health.

7. Apart from the above, the said detainee is involved in 13 more cases in Maharanipeta and other Police Stations of Visakhapatnam City of Andhra Pradesh state. Out of such 13 cases, 3 cases are ended with Acquittal, 2 cases are ended with conviction, 3 case is in Pending Trial before the competent Hon'ble Courts of Law, a Rowdy sheet is opened and being maintained against him vide proceedings in C.No.447/HS/ACP-E/2016, dt.30.08.2016 to maintain surveillance on his movements. Despite continuous watch on his movements, he continues to involve in various crimes including the clandestine trade, transport, possession and sale of Ganja/ Cannabis as defined for illicit traffic mentioned in Sec. 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.

8. The other following cases that registered against Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh as stated above:

S. No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Stage of the Case
1.	494/2012 U/s 457,380 IPC of PM Palem PS.	ACQ
2.	461/2012, U/s.379 IPC of PM Palem PS.	ACQ
3.	15/2013 U/s 457,380 IPC of PM Palem PS.	CON
4.	41/2016 U/S 302, 120-B, r/w 34 IPC of MR PETA PS.	PT
5.	157/16 U/s 509, 506, 354 r/w 34 IPC of MR PETA PS.	CON
6.	219/2018 U/s 354,392,427,452 r/w 34 IPC of MR PETA PS.	PT
7.	175/2018 U/s 307,384 r/w 109 IPC of I Town PS.	PT
8.	663/2020 U/s 342,386 r/w 34 IPC of II Town PS.	ACQ

9. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading of the detainee Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988).

10. It is evident that Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detainee and his associates is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detainee and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including Attempt to murder, Attempt to Murder, Theft, House Breaking and Bodily Offences so on. Therefore, the activities of the detainee pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

11. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detainee under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Visakhapatnam and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

12. The offenders repeatedly resort to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality and impacting public health.

13. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated:

08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detainee from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

14. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

15. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam is directed to take over the detainee into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)**

To

The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.

Copy to:

Sri Medisetty Varaprasad, S/o Simhachalam, Age 31 Yrs, Caste by SC Mala, R/o D.No.15-8-23/1-2, Venkateswara Nagar, Zilla Parishad, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh (Through the Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta P.S., Visakhapatnam City.)

The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.

The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City.

The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.

The Inspector of Police, Maharanipeta P.S., Visakhapatnam City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).

The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.

The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat. Sf/Sc.

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